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Prior to issuance of an Office Action pertaining to the U.S. national phase entry of the above-referenced patent application, filed January 10, 2005, please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.